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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action dated July 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper and include 1) a first attached substitute specification with markups, and 2) a second attached substitute specification without markups.

Amendments to the Claims are listed beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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inappropriate in view of 35 USC §103(c), which states that "subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person."

In this case, at the time the invention of this application was made, it was subject to an obligation of assignment to Analog Devices, Inc. In like fashion, at that same time, Karpman either was owned by Analog Devices, Inc., or subject to an obligation of assignment to Analog Devices, Inc. Accordingly, the rejection of Claim 11 is improper, and Claim 11 is allowable in view of the cited art. In addition, Claims 12-16, which depend from Claim 11, also are allowable for the same reasons.

Applicants also note that a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed with this Amendment.

The application thus is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned, Steven Saunders, if it will assist examination of the pending claims.

Applicants also request a one month extension of time. Please charge the fee to deposit account number 19-4972.

Respectfully submitted,

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